



THE HEATHER SOCIETY

acting as

INTERNATIONAL CULTIVAR REGISTRATION AUTHORITY

certifies that

***Erica australis* ‘Polar Express’**

has been registered by

DAVID EDGE

Forest Edge Nurseries, Wimborne, Dorset.

REGISTRAR

DATE **18 December 2016**

on behalf of The Heather Society

Its characteristics at the time of registration were

Flowers April–June, single, in groups of 4 at tips of shoots, flowering shoots very densely crowded towards ends of branches; corolla *c.* 9mm long, white, slightly curved, widening towards mouth; calyx segments unequal, with broad translucent margins and pale green mid-rib, lobes *c.* 3mm long, *c.* 1.5mm broad; anthers brown; style to 9mm long prominently emerging from corolla, style end green when fresh; nectar profuse.

Foliage deep green; linear leaves to 6mm long.

Compact bushy shrub to 0.9m tall, to 1m across in 3 years (not pruned).

Hardier than other clones of *E. australis* having survived a frost test as a seedling in Germany. Distinguished from ‘Mr Robert’ and ‘Holehird White’ by green style end.

Origins: seedling 05-2-20 raised by K. Kramer in 2005, F2 seedling of self-pollinated ‘Mr Robert’. Selected and named by David Edge in 2016 after cultivation in Forest Edge Nurseries.

Cultivar registration number: E.2016:07